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A PROPER SORT O' MAN.
BY ANABEL B. WHITE.

He drew his chair closer to the glowing grate as the icy March blast roared about the house and rattled the window blinds. The vision of a newly made grave came to him as he bowed shivering over the fire. Yes, she was dead, the gentle woman whom he had wooed for his wife twenty years ago, and who had lain for two years in the room adjoining the library, an un-murmuring invalid, but who, even thus, had guided the domestic machinery so that he never felt the slightest jar. The house was always cool in summer, warm in winter. His favorite dishes had appeared in their proper season with unflinching promptitude. Being a man of means, his house was luxurious and homelike. He frequented his clubs without hindrance, and his home was always peaceful and quiet.

The three children Providence had seen fit to bestow upon him had died in their infancy, so that no tiny feet had ever pattered upon the floors; no screams or cries had ever unstrung his nerves; no baby fingers had ever soiled the immaculately kept house.

And this day had he laid Janet beside her babies. Did he miss her? Scarcely yet, for the house was always quiet, and the only difference he noted was that her room door, which had always been open, was closed to-day. Her room had always been brilliantly lighted at night and cosy in the day, so that as he sat at his table, reading or writing, he had only to lift his head, and behold! there she was in her bed, patiently smiling, ever smiling upon him. Sometimes he sat down by her bedside and talked with her; but it was almost like a doctor's visit to a patient—gravity, surface cheerfulness—all assumed.

But now she was dead, while he, at forty-five, was still young—almost as young as he was twenty years ago, when he married plump, pretty, bright-eyed, gay-natured Janet Gray. She was pretty then, but how old she had looked in her coffin! Silvered brown hair, sunken eyes, gray, seamed face; and yet she had been five years younger than he. Let him remember her as she was when young.

Unconsciously the chair opposite him became filled with a plump and dimpled presence, with pink cheeks, roguish eyes and curly bangs, while rosy-red lips smiled temptingly near him. He started. Why, that was not Janet! That was the girl who played so trippingly upon the keys of his type-writer, and who sat in his dusty lawyer's office day after day uncomplainingly—for twenty-five dollars per week.

He rose and shook himself. Surely he must be dreaming. He would go to bed. But instead of going through Janet's room, as he had always done to reach his sleeping apartment which lay beyond hers, he went through the hall to avoid that cold, dark room.

But what was this? His own room was cold and dark. Never had it been thus before. What did it mean? Muttering angrily, he struck a match, lighted the gas and rang the bell. But he sat shivering on the edge of a chair for fifteen minutes, and no response was made.

"I can't sleep in this cold room, that's certain. I'll take some blankets and sleep on the library sofa before the fire. To-morrow I'll see about a furnace, as I was always promising poor Janet to do. But heretofore grate fires have been making the house comfortable enough, and when I put in a furnace the servants will always

be letting the fire go out. Confound them!" as he struck his foot against a heavy hall chair, although the gas here was burning brightly.

But this going through 'the hall to and from his room was a new way, and men are ever prone to stumble when going out of the beaten track. For the first time he locked the door to the cold, dark room. Was he afraid that Janet's gentle ghost would come too near him, and drive that bonnie face and trim figure from the opposite chair?

He slept uneasily that night, but Miss Mays, the lovely type-writer, slept the innocent sleep of childhood. He felt stiff and lame when he awoke next morning, and getting out of his blanket slowly, stepped across the room and rang the bell. In a few minutes there was a knock at the door. "Come in," he growled.

It was Cook, who started back on seeing him struggling into his coat. "Lud, sir, I do believe you slept on the sofa in your clothes!"

"Very nearly so. Where in thunder are Harriet and George?" he grimly asked. Cook glanced down bashfully. "Well, sir, me and Harriet are both young and unmarried, and Harriet said she would not stay in the house a minute after Miss Gleeson died, not even if George would let her, which he wouldn't, seein' that they are engaged. I said as how I would get breakfast this mornin', but bein' a widow myself, I can't stay a minute longer than I have redded up."

"Go to the deuce, you impudent woman!" Mr. Gleeson roared. "Here!" as Cook was retreating. "Do I owe you anything?"

Cook stopped and began wiping her eyes. "No, sir, for Miss Gleeson, knowin' her end was nigh, paid us all up to the end of the month, and I think George will be back this mornin'."

"Tell George to go to the mischief with you, for I am going to a hotel, where I can get a fire and some breakfast. Lock up the house and bring the keys to my office at nine o'clock; and mind you, if there is so much as a cent's worth taken away, I'll have the best detective in the city to hunt you, George and Harriet to the ends of the earth."

With a wild whoop of dismay at this foul aspersion upon her honor, Mrs. McLane, the lone widow, rushed away, while Mr. Gleeson, more leisurely, went out at the front door, banging it as he had never done before, for there were now no invalid nerves to set jangling.

At nine o'clock, with his inner man replenished and his outer man warmed, it was with a feeling of peace and good will that he opened his office door.

Miss Mays, fresh as a tea rose, was busy at her type-writer. At the further end of the room his callow clerk was writing. Great Scott! that boy was actually growing a mustache, and girls always liked mustaches! The fellow was getting too old to be left alone so much with Miss Mays—or too young. He must have another clerk.

Mrs. McLane with red eyes, came in with the keys.

"I hope, sir, as how you won't refuse me a character," she said. "A character!" shouted Mr. Gleeson. "What does the woman mean?"

"She means a recommendation of her efficiency that will enable her to get another situation," a demure voice informed him; but Miss Mays never looked up from her clicking keys.

Mrs. McLane glared. What did the creature mean, with her big words? She wished she could tear out those pretty brown eyes.

Mr. Gleeson smiled benignly upon his charming informant, then went closer to the instrument. The callow clerk scowled, and shot vindictive glances at his employer's back, not forgetting to telegraph to fair Miss Mays his disapprobation of this proximity to her.

"Could you attend to what the woman wants?" Mr. Gleeson gently asked.

"Oh, certainly. Shall I say she has been faithful and devoted in your service, etcetera?" she asked brightly, her rose red lips parting in an enchanting smile which the clerk noted with inward anguish.

"Something like that," he answered, walking away in a dignified manner, for he felt that the eyes of the world—his world—were upon him.

Mrs. McLane departed sniffingly. Mr. Gleeson went into his inner office, taking the precaution to leave the door open, which fair Miss Mays noted.

The girl deliberately rose, moved her instrument to another window, nearer the clerk, then sat down—with her back to the inner office.

Janet had been dead three months. It was an afternoon in mid June. Miss Mays and Mr. Gleeson sat near the type-writer. The clerk had been sent off on a reluctant errand.

"But I am too young," Miss Mays was protesting. "My darling!" Yes, Mr. Gleeson actually murmured this near the girl's pretty ear. "I am not what the world calls old—only forty-five, while you are twenty-two, you say."

"Yes, but your wife was such a good woman, I have heard, and I am so faulty," with dewy, trembling, rose-red lips.

Mr. Gleeson trembled too. "Janet"—he could not say "my wife" to this girl—"is a saint now, but you—you are an angel!" he enthusiastically declared.

Miss Mays dropped her curly bangs. "Will you never, never be sorry you married me?"

"Never, never, so long as we both do live!"

Mr. Gleeson had an idea that this sounded very solemn, very much like a vow, in fact. But even vows are sometimes broken.

And so they were married, and went off on a short wedding trip, leaving the callow youth to keep the office. If they could have heard the sulphurous oaths he emitted, morning, noon and night!

Mr. Gleeson was a very happy man, but it rather fatigued him to play the young one. He assured himself, however, that he felt younger than he looked, and Chrissie was so much in love with him! Happy infatuation! What fools we mortals be!

Chrissie was much admired. She was even prettier than before, now that her beauty had the dainty settings of wealth; lace, jewels and creamy silks.

"My darling, will you wish to stay with me in the old house?" Mr. Gleeson asked tenderly on their return, as they neared the city.

"I suppose everything is ready there," she asserted practically. "As far as possible, yes."

"Perhaps we would best remain at a hotel for a few days till I can go over the house."

"Just as you wish," he assented meekly, thinking all the time of the handsome supper he had telegraphed to be prepared "at home."

"Men know so little what preparation means," she smiled indulgently. When Chrissie smiled she was very bewitching, and he forgot to tell her of the elegant collation awaiting them; but on their arrival at the city, he did the next best thing—stopped at a near hotel and had the expensive supper served in their private sitting-room, and it almost seemed like home.

Poor man! he was longing for the quiet, peaceful, elegant home Janet had kept for him. This living in hotels was simply unbearable to one whose life had run in the same channel for twenty years.

At the end of two weeks Chrissie informed him she was ready to return "home." What a transformation! The old furniture had been sent to the auction rooms, while from top to bottom the house had been re-furnished in modern style. The library and Janet's room had been turned into elegant parlors. His sleeping-room had become transformed into a cosy boudoir for Chrissie. Their bed-rooms were staved.

He stared in dismay. "Don't you like it?" she asked gaily, linking her arms in his and gazing archly into his blank face.

"It seems—strange," he answered slowly.

"Now, run off to that tiresome office of yours, but be sure to return in time to dress for my reception."

"Your reception!" he gasped. "Yes, goosie, my reception. Mrs. Gleeson receives to-night!"

He went away feeling as if he had had a shock. Janet never held a reception in her life. She seldom went into society. He had his clubs, but Janet seemed perfectly content to make him happy.

What did this other woman wish? To drive him distracted, it would seem, for hers was the gayest house in the city that winter, and she was the belle of all assemblages.

He took to staying longer at his office and more at his clubs, and Mrs. Gleeson went to ball, rout and assembly, well attended—but not by her husband.

In the summer she whisked him off to a country house she had persuaded him to buy.

"What do you enjoy to board your money for? Why not enjoy it?"

For twenty years he had accumulated till he was counted a millionaire. Mrs. Gleeson was spending this fortune royally.

"What is the use of being young and pretty if one's beauty does not

have a proper setting?" she laughed, and her world heartily agreed with her.

Ah, these beautiful women of to-day! What were men's pockets made for if not to hold gold for their fairy-like but greedy grasp?

On their return to town they were accompanied by two foreign nurses—and twins. Pretty little creatures they became, with flower-like faces like their mother. But they were reared by the servants and hardly knew their father, who now, at fifty, stooped and was gray, and was so quiet it was no "fun" to be with him any more.

"Chrissie," he said one day, as she came to his office for money, "do you know you are spending money very fast?"

"Why, yes, I suppose I spend a good deal," she answered carelessly. "But I hope I do not exceed your income. If I do—warn me," and she gazed coldly and steadily into his eyes. It was a threat.

"Oh, No!" he replied wearily. "You do not spend more than my income, but I was thinking a mother would think of her children's future more. I shall try to leave the two girls something."

"My girls can do as their mother did—marry for money," she made answer, coolly counting the bills he laid in her hand.

"Chrissie! What is that you say?" he almost shouted, rising so hurriedly that his heavy office chair rolled away from him.

She lifted her dainty head proudly, and said clearly:—

"I sold myself to you—for money!" He sank back with a moan.

"Merciful heavens! The fool actually thinks that I—!" with a scornful curve of the rose-red mouth—"married him for love! Why, I loved Rance Rose's"—Rose was the callow clerk—"little finer more than I loved anything about you—except your money-bags."

Laughing bitterly, she was gone. There were ten years added to his face when he lifted it.

"And I loved her so well that I would have given him the money to buy her love if I had known it. Fool, fool, to think old age could mate with youth and beauty!"

"It is a case of paralysis, madam, from which yours husband will never recover. He may live in this state for many years, and he may die at any moment."

Mrs. Gleeson sat near her husband's bedside, swathed in a Nile green gown covered with seed pearl embroidery and foam lace, in which she was upon the point of going out when her husband's paralyzed body was brought to her from his office on that same afternoon when she had taunted him with marrying him for money.

At the doctor's words, with a bitter cry she covered her face with her slender hands.

"What a magnificent woman to be tied to a paralytic!" mused the physician, pitying her grief.

But it was not grief—it was selfishness. All her plans for the winter were wasted. However, he did not linger many months, and mourning was so becoming to her. He had seemed to feel that his end was near, for, unlike most lawyers, his affairs were arranged, and she was "well provided for."

Fetching the Public.

Henry Bivens was an artist in Paris, where he expected to garner in a heavy crop of immortal glory and golden digests, but he made nothing but big lodging bills. For months he had worked on a figure of Venus. When it was done it was a melancholy affair, with sad eyes turned up at an angle of thirty-five degrees, and a complexion like a consumptive cheese.

Higher and higher rose the lodging bill, deeper and deeper grew the despair of the artist. One day a stranger entered the studio.

"Jack!" said Henry.

"Hello!" said Jack.

It was a gleam of hope in the darkness. John Perkins was a retired circus proprietor; he had started life with a yellow clarinet and a performing bear, and retired with a fortune. He listened to the artist's tale of woe, and said:

"Noodle! why don't you sell your picture and your misery?"

"It could not be given away with a pound of tea," said Henry, dejectedly. "Stuff!" exclaimed his companion.

"Jack, leave it to me. Have you got any soot? We will sell the picture for forty thousand francs."

The artist brought soot, gasping. Seizing a handful his friend daubed the picture front and back until its own grandmother would not have known it.

"Give me a brush," he cried.

In the lower corner he carefully painted "Rafael Pinksit," and then ob-

scured it with soot, when the outlines of Venus could be dimly seen as through a cloud.

"Get me an old rotten frame," he said at length.

When the picture was transferred to it, it looked as if it had come out of a junk shop.

"Now, come with me," he said to the artist, "to the Paris Salon."

"Place for a masterpiece, gentlemen!" exclaimed the circus proprietor, in a confident tone.

The committee were profoundly affected by the grimy appearance of the treasure and hung it up in the most prominent place in the exhibition, and marked it Number One. When the painter had had the effrontery to offer it in its fresh state the committee had knocked him down stairs. Now they were all suavity.

They called on a number of poor painters.

"Gentlemen!" exclaimed Perkins. "I will give you forty francs apiece if you will sit and sketch picture Number One, 'Venus,' in the Salon."

They were engaged. A crowd of students he next employed at two francs an hour, to stand in an entranced state before the picture. The Salon opened, and crowds stood in front of it. The students raved and tore their hair in pretended delight. The artists copied and sketched as if their lives depended on it. Men in the audience fought to get a glimpse. Women fainted in the crush. The noblest works of French artists were slighted.

Then a critic scraped off the soot from one corner and found the name "Rafael Pinksit" with a microscope. A sensation was caused, equaled only by revolution. Fifty thousand francs bid a duke, one hundred thousand francs offered a marchioness, four hundred thousand francs bid the Prince Clam-Clam.

The latter bid was accepted and the money paid, and out of it the lodging bill was made a thing of the past. The Parisians still rave over the picture, which can be seen by any one in the Louvre gallery, although it has to be whitewashed occasionally to preserve its visibility, and the moral is, you can make a copy of any of the old masters by the judicious use of a tea-shop chromo and a box of blacking.

His Financial Programme.

He was a beggar with the old worn clothes, unwashed face, unkempt hair, and unbrushed shoes.

He waded up to the counter of the hotel recently and told between his sobs, tears, groans and sighs how his stomach yearned for a sandwich. Clerk Sumner went to the safe, threw open its massive doors, and from the inner receptacles drew forth a new and shining five-cent piece, which he laid kindly and gently into the quivering and blackened beggar's hand.

"Now, my poor friend, what do you propose to do with that money?" seriously inquired the clerk.

The beggar looked down at his soiled and tattered garments. He scanned his benefactor curiously for a moment, and then in a tremulous tone, said:

"Young man, you see me as I am, wearing the habiliments of an outcast. Yet I am honest, and I will give you a truthful answer. I shall first go and buy me a good supper, then I will take a bath and a cocktail, and mayhap after that adorn this handsome form with a new suit of clothes. If there is any left after that I shall, upon my word, deposit it in the bank. I am exceedingly obliged. Good day."

His Oranges.

One evening a one-armed convict in the South, whose duty it was to couple cars on the railroad, was standing on the end of the first flat car, pin in hand, ready to make a coupling when the engine should approach closely enough. He was holding some oranges, and his attention was somewhat divided between his duty and the safety of his fruit.

The engine was not backing in, but coming pilot first, and when the coupling bar struck the socket the shock threw the man off his feet. He fell between the two, and before the engine could bestop it struck him, doubled him together, and ran over his body, lifting the truck wheels quite off the track.

There he was, wedged into a ball sustaining the whole enormous weight, and the pilot was canted over him at an angle of forty-five degrees.

The captain of the gang supposed the man to be dead, and it was with no hope of saving him that he shouted to the convicts to pry up the engine at once. They ran at the word. Beams were thrust under, the great mass of metal was raised by main force, and the man was pulled out.

To the amazement of every one, he stretched himself, felt his limbs and body, slowly regained his feet, and said:

"What are my oranges?"

The Latest Dodge.

A man who had just finished a comfortable meal at a State street restaurant last evening suddenly rose from his chair, grabbed his hat and an umbrella that stood against the wall and rushed out of the building.

"Stop him!" exclaimed the cashier. "That fellow went away without paying!"

"I'll stop him!" said a determined-looking man who rose up hastily from a table near where the other had sat. "He took my gold handled umbrella! I'll stop him and I'll bring him back in charge of an officer! The scoundrel!"

Without a moments pause he dashed out of the house in hot pursuit of the conscienceless villain.

And the cashier, a cold, hard, unsympathetic kind of man, has begun to suspect that neither of them will ever come back.—Chicago Tribune.

Poetry and Truth.

Extremely literal people will not allow even poets to deviate from the truth without a protest. Soon after the publication of one of Tennyson's famous poems, the laureate received a suggestion from the distinguished arithmetician Babbage, Mr. Babbage's somewhat startling letter read: "DEAR SIR:—I find in a recently published poem from your pen the following unwarrantable statement:

"Every moment dies a man, Every moment one is born."

I need hardly point out to you that this calculation, if correct, would tend to keep the sum total of the world's population in a state of perpetual equipoise; whereas, it is a well known fact that the said sum total is constantly on the increase. I would, therefore, take the liberty of suggesting that in the next edition of your excellent poem the erroneous calculation

Thus far the Pennsylvania Legislature has evidenced a disposition to transact the law-making business claiming its attention with as little tomfoolery as possible. If the members move forward in a similar manner the remainder of the session we feel free to say that its work, in quality at least, will compare favorably with that of any previous Legislature.

SAMMY LOSCH, Representative from Schuylkill county, succeeded by filibustering tactics, on Monday, in postponing the first reading of the Penrose bill—the measure designed to abolish the Building Commission of Philadelphia. Among those who sustained Losch was J. B. Goentner, of Montgomery county—J. B. Goentner, of Montgomery county.

Has Mr. Goentner commended with Hill? If Mr. Goentner desires to disgrace his constituency let him continue to swim with Losch and Hill.

And the Legislature of Pennsylvania saw fit to give Andrews the seat he contested for and to oust Higby whom the voters of Crawford county had really elected. The barest technicality, relating to the location of certain polling places, was a sufficient pretext for the Legislature to turn up a politician whom the people had twice turned down. The members from this county all voted in favor of Andrews, and if their consciences rest at ease well and good, but we'll wager an old coin that Crawford county will go largely Democratic next fall.

An animated dispute is on, in certain newspapers, as to the religion of Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln could not be measured by dogmas and creeds; yet he was largely instrumental in righting one of the greatest wrongs of the civilization of the present century. If he had exhausted his energies in carping at his fellowmen because they refused to subscribe to some narrow, man-made creed he would not have been fitted to shed refulgent lustre upon his country, and to have immortalized his name by the performance of great deeds. Lincoln had no theology, but he did have plenty of the very best sort of practical Christianity and he had the moral courage to make most excellent use of it.

The new Administration by the pledges of President Cleveland's inaugural address is committed:

1. To a sound and stable currency.
2. To refuse bounties and subsidies.
3. To check wild and reckless pension expenditure.
4. To limit public expenditures to public necessities.
5. To make efficiency rather than partisan service the basis of appointments to office.
6. To use the powers of the Federal Government to restrain trusts and combines.
7. To secure to all citizens equality before the law.
8. To accomplish tariff reform and make the necessity for Government revenue the limit of the exercise of the taxing power.

Whether Democratic or not these pledges are based upon rock-ribbed governmental principles. Can they be redeemed? We hope so.

Both parties to the Taggart-Baker contest having agreed to allow the case to rest entirely upon the question of the legality of the votes of the Seminary students, an early decision may be expected. The argument will be heard on the 25th inst., after which the Committee on Elections will make up its verdict and report the conclusion to the House of Representatives. Should the student vote be ruled out, as seems altogether probable, Mr. Baker's majority of twenty will be reversed and Mr. Taggart will have a lead of about forty votes over his Democratic opponent and will therefore be entitled to a seat in the Legislature.

In the central part of the Hub of Montgomery there stands an old market house. Having stood there years and years it is hoary with age, so to put it, and one of the old landmarks of the town of Norris. The borough authorities having respect for age seem disposed to abstain from making such modifications, or improvements (?) as might change the appearance of the antiquated spot so dear to their hearts. So jealous are the authorities of this old relic that sufficient protection from thieving villains—in the shape of bolts, bars and hinges,—is denied the farmers and butchers who store their produce within its confines. This is not altogether satisfactory to the farmers and butchers and fish dealers, but it is eminently satisfactory to the borough authorities who receive several thousand dollars annually in rentals. All this without venturing to change the appearance of the old building and without modernizing it sufficiently to make it a reasonably safe place in which to store butter, eggs and cheese over night. The audacity of the *Herald* in labeling the precious old pile of lumber, brick and dirt a public nuisance must have come as a rude shock to the sensitive nerves of the borough authorities who are filled with veneration for old things—and for boodle.

Boston suffered another extensive fire Sunday morning. Tremont Temple, one of the most conspicuous public buildings, and much other property, was burned, involving a loss of \$600,000.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, March 17, 1893.

President Cleveland has already done what no other President of the present generation has done. He has cowed the office-seeker and sent the larger portion of them home to await his pleasure in making appointments. The consensus of political opinion here is that Mr. Cleveland is likely to be the most independent President so far as party politics are concerned, that the country has ever had. There are various reasons why this is believed. Mr. Cleveland was nominated against the wishes of all the social bosses of his party. That together with the unusually large electoral vote he received has caused him to feel that he is under no obligations to the party machine, either for his nomination or his election, and he has taken no pains to conceal the state of his feelings. It was probably because he didn't that the important Senate committees were organized upon an anti-Cleveland basis. Another thing which makes him independent, and which would have the same effect upon all of our Presidents if more than one term was forbidden by the constitution, is that he isn't laying wires to be re-nominated.

It costs something to be independent in the Senate. Mr. Stewart of Nevada, who has formally left the republican party without becoming either a democrat or a populist, was ousted from the Committee on Appropriations, membership of which is considered equal to the chairmanship of a less important committee, by the republican caucus and his place given to Senator Teller of Colorado. The democratic caucus was kinder to him, as it left him chairman of the committee on Mines and Mining, a place he held during the term which ended March 4.

The reorganization of the Senate committees, made necessary by the democratic control of that body, has been completed. It does not satisfy all the Senators; it never does, because no caucus committee can give every Senator just the committee places he wants, and to which he thinks himself entitled. But it comes as near giving satisfaction as anybody expected it would. Considering the peculiar position occupied by the populist Senators, between the democratic majority and the republican minority, they fared tolerably well. Each of them got a chairmanship, the best one Education and Labor—going to Mr. Kyle. Although Senator Roach, of North Dakota, was given a minor chairmanship by the democratic caucus there is an impression that the exposure of his connection with that bank embezzlement in this city will result in his retiring from the Senate, either willingly or unwillingly, although he says he is going to serve out his term.

The appointment mill is grinding very slowly and the grist turned out is all of the Cleveland brand. Among the nominations this week was Mr. Edward B. Whitney, of New York, to be assistant Attorney General. He was one of the protesting delegation sent to the Chicago convention by the New York anti-snappers, and there is some talk about his nomination being opposed by Senators Hill and Murphy. Senator Hill is in a good position to make a fight against this nomination, if he is disposed, as he is a member of the Judiciary committee, to which it has been referred.

The nomination of ex-Congressman McAdoo, to be assistant Secretary of the Navy brings a little encouragement to the army of "ex's" the members of which have been in a gloomy state of mind because of the notification that they must not expect places. It is denied at the White House that President Cleveland ever said that he would not appoint democratic editors to office, and the denial is particularly backed up by the fact that the first Presidential postmaster nominated—R. B. Brown, at Meadville, Pa., is a democratic editor.

If the talk of Senators is any indication the interest in the Hawaiian matter is rapidly waning. The sending of ex-Congressman Blount, of Georgia, to Hawaii by the administration, as a special commissioner in search of information, excited little more than a passing comment. "Sonism" is a cloud small as yet, but still there, upon the administration sky. The appointment of their sons to office under them by prominent officials has been the cause of trouble under many administrations, and there is no reason to believe that history will fail to repeat itself in that respect. In fact it would be beneficial to all concerned if there were a law against such appointments.

Secretary Carlisle has a scheme for the complete reorganization of our financial system, which will be perfected and submitted to Congress, next winter. It includes a repeal of the silver law and of the tax upon notes issued by State Banks.

HER CREDENTIALS.

From Eleanor Kirk's Idea.

An ancient legend tells us that the angel on guard at the door of heaven was once asked by an inquisitive passer if more married or more single women passed through. "More married ones," he promptly answered. "Indeed!" said the questioner, who was a man, and who immediately began to plume himself. "Their husbands' virtues, of course, admitted them. That was right; the stronger should aid the weaker."

"No," replied the angel, "that is not the reason."

"Then what is it?"

"Well, if you must know," said the angel confidentially, "we pass them first on their own merits; then of 'em get through that way. Lots when we can't find any other recommendation for a married woman, it is written against her name, 'These are they which have come up out of great tribulation' and the gates fly open."

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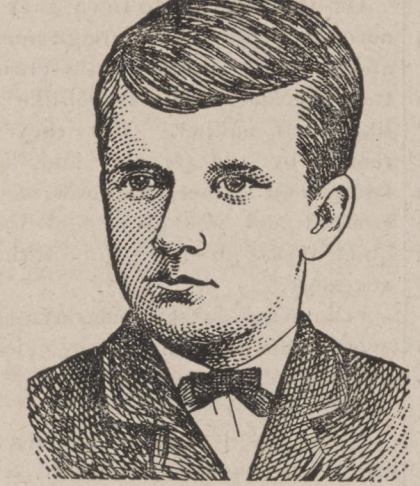
LARGEST SHAFT EVER FORGED IN AMERICA.

BETHLEHEM, March 19.—The largest shaft ever forged in America was sent from the Bethlehem Iron Works to the Chicago Fair yesterday. It weighs 89,320 pounds and will be the axle of the perpendicular hurdy-gurdy, 264 feet high, invented by a Pittsburgh engineer. A shipment of eight tons of armor, forming the diagonal plates of the battleship Oregon, left the works yesterday for the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, where the Oregon is being built.

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White Swelling and Scrofula Perfectly Cured.



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"After a time we had the swelling lanced, midway between the knee and the ankle, and it would discharge over a pint of pus at times. I decided to take him to Cincinnati to have the leg operated upon, expecting he would lose it. But he had become so poor and weak that I thought I would let him gather some strength, if possible, and bought a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla. He used it for some time. This medicine soon woke up his appetite, and he ate more heartily than for a long time. At this time the sore was discharging freely, and soon pieces of bone began to come out. I have in my office one piece of bone 3-4 inches long by nearly half an inch broad, which came out of the sore. We continued giving him Hood's Sarsaparilla. The discharge from the sore decreased, the swelling went down, the leg straightened out and soon he had perfect use of his leg. He now runs everywhere, as lively as any boy, and apparently

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Next to assortment comes the question of PRICE, in the buyers' mind. To us this is an easy one to settle: We just put prices at the point where no honest tradesman dare go below it and expect to continue business.

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This is a lot of all pure linen napkins and we are able to pass them along to you at 50 cents a dozen. It is a bargain to get all pure linen at such a price. We were glad to get such a chance for you.

1000 Tray Covers, -- 18 Cents Each.

Another all-linen bargain that it is a pleasure to secure for you and which will be profitable for you to take up with while it lasts.

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Look in our middle window and see how handsome a pretty woman can look even in a cheap dress—15 cents a yard, 32 inches wide, in beautiful and exclusive color effects in figures, dots and stripes.

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Have you seen our special bargain chemise for 25 cents? The regular stock is filled with night dresses, drawers, chemises, skirts. It includes all grades of good underwear, plain and up to fine embroidered work.

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Corn Cure, 10c. Per Bottle.

Mixed and Plain Canary Seed.

Home Flashes and Sparks From Abroad.

—Considerable interesting reading matter is crowded out of this issue.

—Reason: Numerous new advertisements. Read them all.

—According to the Almanac Spring is here, if Spring weather isn't.

—The quarterly report of the Home National Bank of Ryeersford will be found in another column.

—The fourth annual meeting of the School Directors' Association of Montgomery will be held in Acker's hall, Norristown, to-day.

—N. H. Benjamin & Co., a prominent firm of wide-awake business men of Phoenixville, advertise in another column. They expect to make interesting weekly announcements.

Thanks to M. P. Anderson for a lot of fine Florida oranges.

—The Spring City Sun recently entered upon its 22d year. It is a neatly printed and carefully edited paper and deserves all the success that is being showered upon it.

—Read merchant Fenton's new advertisement.

—A dispatch from Chicago reads: "From all the information that can be secured regarding the new wheat crop in the Western States, it can be said that it is far from encouraging."

—Beaver & Shellenberger, store merchants of Trappe, have determined to sell out their immense stock at cost. Here is a chance to secure big bargains.

—Sheriff A. D. Simpson was in town Tuesday, on official business.

—Mrs. Arnold, aged 93, died at Dillsbury, Pa., Saturday. Her husband was one of the founders of the United Brethren church.

—The County Commissioners have elected ex-Senator H. R. Brown their Solicitor, to succeed Mr. Holland, District Attorney.

—R. H. Grater, proprietor of the Collegeville Carriage Works, will advertise a line of fashionable vehicles, now ready for sale, next week. If you want a nobby buggy or carriage at the right price, give him a call.

—The most unique pair of slippers in the State are owned by one of Lock Haven's fair girls. They were made from the skins of white field mice captured by her adventurous beau. The slippers represent eighteen dead mice.

—The Directors of the Spring Garden Market Company, Philadelphia, announce a dividend and the date of the annual meeting, in another column.

—The Centre Point Creamery paid its patrons 33 cents per pound for butter value of February milk.

—John Slingluff has been appointed a prison inspector for three years, from April 1, 1893, and until a successor shall be appointed.

—From Pool & Son, Lansdale:—"Our salesmen J. K. Boyce will be at Gross' Hotel, Collegeville, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 28th and 29th of March, with a full line of the latest style spring samples of cloths, cassimeres, for suitings for men and boys."

A TEAM STOLEN.

One night last week a thief entered the stable of Michael Brunner, Worcester, and stole his son's fine young horse, a new wagon, harness and blankets. There is no clue to the thief.

IN RELATION TO CONSTABLES.

Says the Norristown Times: "It is understood that in the opinion of the Court, constables cannot be legally elected in Montgomery county until the spring of 1895, and those elected last month cannot legally serve unless appointed by the court."

MILLINERY OPENING.

Miss Lachman, proprietress of the Collegeville Millinery store wishes to inform all her friends and patrons that she will have her Spring opening on Saturday, March 25 and that her large stock of seasonable goods will include, in addition to hats and bonnets, trimmed and untrimmed flowers, ribbons, and velvets of the latest styles. Thanking her patrons for past favors she solicits a continuance of the same.

RELIGIOUS.

M. E. church, Evansburg, Sabbath school at 9.30 a. m., every Sabbath. Preaching, 10.45 a. m., and every Sabbath evening at 7.30.

Episcopal service at St. James' Evansburg every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Ryeersford at 7 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The C. E. prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock; subject, Temperance; leader, Mr. Daniel H. Bartman. At the Sunday morning service, the Rev. Prof. Geo. Stibitz, Ph. D., will preach the sermon. The Sunday evening service, at 7 o'clock, will be under the direction of the C. E. Society. The pastor of Trinity will preach in Skipackville church on Sunday at 10 o'clock, a. m., and at Ironbridge chapel at 3 o'clock, p. m. The Sunday school at Skipackville and the one at Ironbridge having closed at Christmas, will again be reopened for the season on this coming Sunday, the former in the morning and the latter in the afternoon.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props. Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.

West & Trux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Wadling, Kinman & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 15 cents per bottle. Sold by J. W. Culbert, Druggist, Collegeville, Pa., 75 cents.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Winter bran, \$19.50 @ \$20; flour, \$2.75 to \$4.50; wheat, 70 to 75c.; corn, 43c.; oats, 42c.; live fowls, 12c.; @ 13c.; dressed fowls, 13 @ 14c.; butter, 30 to 35c.; timothy hay, 1c. to \$1.20; beef cattle, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2; sheep, 4 1/2 to 6 1/2; hogs, western, 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2.

MATRIMONY.

On Saturday, March 18, 1893, at the Lutheran parsonage, Trappe, by Rev. E. T. Kretschmann, Mr. William H. Earnshaw, of Bridgeport, was united in wedlock to Miss Emma Hoyer, of Upper Providence, both of Montgomery county.

AN OLD COUPLE.

David Wells, of North Coventry, Chester county, will be 91 years on the 2d of November next. His wife is 83, and both are enjoying excellent health. They were married sixty-three years ago and are probably the oldest married couple in this part of the State.

PRETZELS FOR THE ORPHANS.

Thursday of last week, J. T. Keyser, proprietor of the Collegeville Bakery, shipped a large box filled with pretzels to Bethany Orphan's Home at Womelsdorf, Berks county. It is need hardly be added that Mr. Keyser's gift was very much appreciated by the orphans, for Collegeville pretzels are good.

L. T. L. ENTERTAINMENT.

The Loyal Temperance Legion of this place, under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Krusen will give an entertainment and sociable in Fenton's hall, Saturday evening, March 25. A program, consisting of recitations, dialogues and music will be rendered after which a lunch will be served, free of charge. Admission, 10 cents.

AN EPIDEMIC OF DIPHTHERIA.

Sixty cases of diphtheria were reported at Pikeville, Berks county, last week, and the disease is still spreading. Ten deaths have occurred within the past few weeks and many others are critically ill. There are but few families in that section that have escaped.

ANNIVERSARY POSTPONED.

On account of the snow storm, February 22, the Mite Society of the Lower Providence Presbyterian church did not celebrate its first anniversary. It has been decided to hold the anniversary in the church on Tuesday evening, March 28. If the weather is unfavorable that evening the event will be celebrated the following evening. No admission will be charged but a silver collection will be taken.

An interesting program has been arranged. Rev. D. S. Clark, of Wissinoming will deliver a lecture, subject: "Do and don't." All are welcome.

WEDDING BELLS.

Last Saturday afternoon, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Z. Reiner, near Eagleville, Miss Lizzie Reiner was united in matrimony to Mr. Amos Schultz, of Worcester. Rev. C. R. Brodhead, pastor of the Lower Providence Presbyterian church performed the ceremony in the presence of seventy-five relatives and friends of the contracting parties. Miss Bessie Grater, of Worcester, was maid of honor; S. K. Brecht, of Bryn Mawr was best man, and Howard Higley, of Eagleville, acted as ushers. The gifts were numerous and the wedding banquet elaborate. The bride has been successfully engaged as a public school teacher of the county the past few years.

THE HORSE MARKET.

The horse market continues rather brisk. There seems to be a fair demand for Western horses at prices pretty well proportioned to quality. While the figures secured for the common grade are perhaps lower than for a number of years past, good style and action command the usual prices.

W. C. Rosenberry will hold another sale of Iowa horses at the Valley House, Skipack, on Saturday, April 1. See adver.

M. P. Anderson will sell for C. Reichenbach at public sale at Gross' Hotel, this place, on Thursday, April 30, at 10 o'clock, Ohio horses. Mr. Reichenbach promises to be on hand with several fast steppers. See adver.

Grant Shuster will sell at J. B. Smoyer's hotel, Trappe, on Tuesday, April 4, another carload of western horses. See adver.

Deaths.

Wm. Mattis, aged about 45 years, died at the residence of his father-in-law, Reuben Fleckenstein, in this township, on Saturday, after a week's illness from pneumonia. Deceased, who was well known throughout the township, leaves a wife and a grown-up daughter. The funeral will be held today (Thursday). Interment in Fernwood cemetery, Ryeersford.

Mrs. Joseph Cole died at her residence in Providence Square, Lower Providence last Friday, aged 63 years. The cause of Mrs. Cole's death was consumption from which she had been a sufferer for some time. She leaves a husband and three children—Elwood, Joseph, and Anna B. Cole. The funeral was held Monday. Interment in Lower Providence Baptist cemetery.

William W. Kohl, formerly of Lower Providence, died at his residence, 339 West Marshall street, Norristown, Tuesday, aged 49 years. The relatives and friends of the deceased are hereby invited to attend the funeral on Saturday, March 25, interment at Lutheran cemetery, Trappe.

NOT GUILTY.

Wednesday of last week the jury in the case at court, Norristown, of John R. Rupp, the West Falls yardmaster, charged with criminal negligence in causing the fatal collision at Rose Glen on Oct. 24 last, came in with a verdict of not guilty, and imposed the costs on the county.

Thursday, Albert and Oliver Schneck, indicted for the murder of Lucas Smith, of Summerville, were acquitted by the jury under instructions of Judge Weand, the Commonwealth having failed to establish a case.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25c. per box. Sold by J. W. Culbert, Druggist, Collegeville, Pa., 75 cents.

For the INDEPENDENT.

SWEET SPIRIT HEAR MY PRAYER.

Sweet Spirit hear my prayer,
Bid sorrow to depart,
Come fill my soul with love
And heal this wounded heart.
Oh joy and peace and comfort bring,
And love on joyful peaceful wing,
Attend where all is sad and drear,
And stay the falling tear.

Sweet Spirit hear my prayer,
Bid sorrow to depart,
Bring back the one I loved so dear,
Oh heal my wounded heart.
Sweet Love we missed thee when
The day is o'er and done,
At twilight hour, oh then,
To welcome to our home.
If you were just across the sea,
Or on some friendly foreign shore,
I know you would come back to me
And love me as before.

Sweet Spirit hear my prayer,
And fill my soul with love and peace,
Oh, heal this wounded heart.
But you are dead and gone—
Thy face no more I'll see,
And I am left alone,
Tears, bitter tears for me.
Oh thy sweet smiles no more I'll see,
No more I'll hear thy gentle voice,
No more thy footsteps light and free,
Will make my heart rejoice.

Sweet Spirit hear my prayer,
And bear my soul away,
To that fond heart I loved so well,
Forever there to dwell.
Oaks, Pa. NETA S. GAINES.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church, this place, will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening next, the 27th inst., at the residence of F. G. Hobson, Esq. A special invitation to members and friends is extended.

MR. QUIMBY SCHOOL DIRECTOR.

Messrs. H. H. Quimby, Republican and Horace Ashenfelter Democrat, who received the same number of votes each for the office of School Director, at the recent election in this township, met the Directors last week and drew lots in the manner prescribed by law. Mr. Quimby drew the ticket containing the word "director," and he will therefore be a School Director three years more.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT.

John Kaufman, of Valley Forge, was taken to Charity Hospital, on Sunday, suffering from wounds inflicted by Charles Holland of Port Kennedy, with an axe. He is not expected to recover. The assault was the culmination of an old grudge. An interesting program has been arranged. Rev. D. S. Clark, of Wissinoming will deliver a lecture, subject: "Do and don't." All are welcome.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

A frightful accident occurred Friday morning at the extensive stone quarry of John P. Geyer, located at Mogetstown, a short distance below Norristown.

It resulted from the premature explosion of blasting powder and caused the death of one man and the probable fatal injury to another. Both victims of the explosion are Italians, whose names are not known, and were employed in the quarries.

MITE SOCIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

The members of the Mite Society of the Lower Providence Baptist church are actively preparing for an entertainment to be held in the church edifice on Thursday evening, March 30. There will be readings, dialogues and recitations by members of the Society, and Rev. C. H. Soars and wife of Bridgeport have kindly promised to be present, and their delightful singing will add much to the pleasure of the entertainment. The public are cordially invited. There will be no charge for admission, but a collection will be taken at the close of the entertainment.

WINTER IN PIKE COUNTY.

It began to snow in Pike county, this State, early last November and has been snowing regularly ever since. In some places the snow is drifted fifteen feet high. Nearly all the roads are impassable. No marriages have taken place since Christmas and several engagements have been declared off. At the February election there were no votes polled in half the precincts. In two districts it took the election officers twenty-two days to reach the county seat and file the returns. This was too late, and according to law the election in these districts was invalid. An appeal will be made to the Legislature to allow the returns to be counted.

FELL DOWN STAIRS WITH A LIGHTED LAMP.

A shocking burning accident occurred in Reading last Friday evening, by which George W. Alsop, a veteran of the war, lost his life from burning. Mr. Alsop was seized with a fit while descending the steps with a lighted kerosene lamp in his hand. He fell to the bottom of the stairs, the lamp exploded and the scattered oil caused the scant attire of the unfortunate man to blaze in a moment. Mr. Alsop made no sound, save to utter a groan. His wife and daughter were promptly assisted by neighbors, but ere the fire was extinguished the husband and father was in a pitiable and dying condition.

From Ironbridge.

Schools school will give an entertainment in Eagle Hall on Saturday evening, March 25, the proceeds to go toward purchasing a dictionary. Attend, all, and encourage the teacher and pupils.

The Easter festival of the Ironbridge Sunday School will be held on Sunday evening, April 2. An interesting program is being prepared for the occasion. All invited.

The Sunday School will open on Sunday afternoon, March 26, at 2 o'clock p. m. After the close of the session Rev. J. H. Hendricks will deliver a sermon in the chapel.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary will be held on Wednesday evening, March 29, at 7.30 p. m., at the residence of Esquire J. S. Hunsicker.

P. R. Keller, of this place, will take possession, about the first of April, of the store at Lucon, to succeed D. Garges. XXX

From Limerick.

We make the final announcement of the Phonographic entertainment to be given by Prof. M. R. Wanner, under the auspices of the Literary Society, in Fernwood school house, on Friday evening of this week, March 24. Admission, 10 cents. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Performance at 8. Come and hear this wonderful talking machine.

The boys of Fernwood school have caught the spirit of fox chasing and spent the noon hour in this line of sport. One of the boys assumes the role of a fox and the other juveniles act in the capacity of hounds. Mr. Fox is given sufficient time to escape by whatever strategem he may use, when the hounds start in hot pursuit. There is nothing slow in Young America.

The German Baptists have broken ground for a church building in Ryeersford, southwest corner of Washington street and Third avenue. The building to be brick, 36 by 52, seating capacity 300; estimated cost, ground included, \$3000.

The Norristown Literary Society will meet the Y. P. S. L. Society of this place in joint debate, on Saturday evening, April 1, in Fernwood school house.

The Reformed people of Spring City propose erecting a building 40 by 75 feet, stone front and brick sides, to be appropriated as follows: First floor, parlor, game room, kitchen, banquet room and library. Second floor, auditorium, capacity 350, stage and dressing room on either side; also room for sewing purposes. Third floor, gymnasium.

Dr. S. M. Lane, who had been lying seriously ill with hemorrhages, caused by pumping a bucket of water very hurriedly, was moved to Philadelphia last Saturday, where he will have the best medical attendance and skill. The doctor's numerous friends and patients, as well as his immediate family, will await the result of his affliction with great anxiety, mingled with the fond hope that he may ultimately be restored to his wonted health and strength.

The Literary Society rendered the following program last Friday evening: Select Readings, by W. B. Johnson and Daniel Ottinger; Vocal Solo, entitled "Old Pompey," by Missie Daub; Debate—Resolved, "The gates of the World's Fair should be closed Sunday." The judges were Mary Kulp, Lizzie M. Johnson, and Henry Kittenhouse, who decided in favor of the affirmative. David Rittenhouse, C. W. Johnson and Miss Bessie J. Weikel spoke on the affirmative, and Howard Johnson, Ralph L. Johnson and Daniel Ottinger on the negative. Adjourned to meet Friday evening, April 2.

Rev. E. Clark Hibbsman's inspiring theme on last Sunday in St. Luke's church, Trappe, was on "Paul's Heroism," from Acts 20: 24. Paul in every circumstance in life displayed remarkable boldness and courage. Especially was he a hero in his missionary tours, when he fearlessly faced danger, persecution and death. The secrets of his heroism were: firmness of conviction, a sense of the divine presence and favor, and a free and clear conscience. The effects of his heroism—it strengthened his own faith and emboldened others in the same faith. Paul's heroism should stimulate every Christian to testify to the grace of God, run the Christian race with joy and die if need be for the name of the Lord Jesus.

Specially reported for the INDEPENDENT.

For Equal Rights.

The Woman's Suffrage Convention held in the Coleman Building, at Norristown, on the 18th inst., comprising an afternoon and an evening meeting, was remarkably well attended, considering the recent organization of the work in this county. Mrs. Hettie Y. Hollowell, President of the County Society, made the opening remarks, referring briefly to the organization of the association in this county. The members—seven women and two men—Mrs. Hollowell then introduced Mrs. Rudolph Blankenburg, of Philadelphia, President of the State Woman's Suffrage Association, who then took charge of the meeting. In addressing the convention Mrs. Blankenburg urged the necessity of pushing the work of organization into the villages and boroughs of the county, and asked that the members individually consider themselves as missionaries for the work. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Mary R. Beaver, of Onsholoken, responded to by Miss Chapman, of Philadelphia, Secretary of the State Association. Addresses were made by Mrs. S. L. Oberholzer, of Norristown, Miss Mattie Hindman, of Allegheny, Dr. Hiram Corson, Henry B. Blackwell of Boston, and Isaac Roberts of Conshohocken. Papers were also read by Mrs. Agnes Kemp, M. D., of Harrisburg, Mrs. Mary R. Livezey and Mrs. E. B. Conner of Norristown. The program was varied by well rendered music, vocal and instrumental. Mrs. Middleton of Norristown favoring the audience with vocal solos. The Misses Egbert with instrumental, violin and piano, whilst the Loyal Temperance Legion gave some very beautiful songs. Mr. Blackwell strongly advocated the securing of Presidential suffrage for women as preliminary to full suffrage, arguing that it was better at present to work for what was in sight and which legislators could give than for what they had not the power to give and which could be secured only by constitutional amendment. He laid stress on the difficulty of securing amendments by popular vote, unless public sentiment was sufficiently sympathetic to bring success, giving examples of nine States as having failed in this way in securing constitutional amendments. He desired the Presidential ballot for women by way of educating the masses to the practice of woman suffrage, reasoning that a presidential campaign was of such a nature as to bring all the available voting force into the field and that woman's vote would thus be brought out and in this way help to convince those who were of opinion that women would not use the privilege of voting even if it were secured to them. Miss Hendman gave some interesting experiences of her work among legislators at Harrisburg during the last twenty years. She strongly advocated constitutional amendment for securing woman suffrage. Isaac Roberts favored suffrage for women from the standpoint of inherent right. He demanded it for her as a simple act of justice. Dr. Hiram Corson referred to some of the disabilities under which

women are placed by certain existing laws, and thought there should be the same rights extended to women as to men in similar circumstances. Miss Campbell read a humorous article in verse, showing how the woman school director upset matters in the village school board. Mrs. Oberholzer opened her address by reading a satirical song which she had written for the Silver Lake Quartette. The papers of Mrs. Livezey and of Mrs. Conrow were well prepared and spoke eloquently for the cause. The ladies of Norristown provided a bountiful supper in the front room of the building for the benefit of those from a distance, and it is needless to say that it was liberally patronized. The cold meats, cakes, jellies, canned fruits, etc., left from the supper were sent to Charity Hospital, as previously agreed upon.

From Oaks.

The pupils of the primary department of the Green Tree School had an entertainment of their own after the last recess Friday afternoon. Miss Cora Boileau had them drilled, and the little folks recited their parts well indeed. As the parents of the children do not visit the schools as much as they ought, why some folks thought Miss Cora hit upon this plan to get them to come and see what their little ones could do. As it was several mothers were there, but only one father. Mrs. Myers made an address to the children and acknowledged to having spent the afternoon very nicely and praised the children for their pretty speeches and good singing. We say let us have some more. The Green Tree school, under the management of Misses Roberts and Boileau is second to none in the township.

St. Patrick's day passed off without any special demonstration, though American and Irishmen remembered the day and respected the memory of Ireland's Patron Saint, who did so much to elevate the Irish character and free it from Druidical influence. Glorious Erin, proud Isle of the Sea, you gave to the world not only a St. Patrick but other invincible and determined men as a Gratton, an Emmett, a Daniel O'Connell, and identified with the history of our own land a Mengler, a Corcoran, a Shields, a Sheridan and last but not least, the gallant soldier writer Corporal Casey (Colonel Halpin) who drank with us out of the same canteen. St. Patrick's day in the estimation of some people is held in contempt, who only give him credit for having driven out the snakes and toads from Ireland. But as we study the life of this wonderful Saint, we are ready to do honor to the memory of one who done so much good in the world. Stephenson, in the National Tribune, says St. Patrick founded 365 churches, 365 hospitals, 3600 schools, while in Connemara he baptized 12,000 people in one day, including seven kings. As to his driving out the snakes that is traditional. Pliny in his Natural History says that serpents are never seen on trefoil. That accounts for reptiles not being found in Ireland.

During Lenten season services will be held on every Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at St. Paul's Memorial church, beginning at half-past three. Dr. Douglass desires all come out on those days.

The Progressive Society propose to secure the services of Prof. Wanner with his talking machine to present himself before a Green Tree audience at no distant day. The sidewalk committee have a debt of \$25, which they wish to remove, then they propose to go at it again and finish this business, and make the path what it should be, perfectly complete, and in as short a time as possible. This walk extends from Oaks to the Green Tree school house and was a big undertaking. Mr. Raum has stepped down and out, and with few regrets from the good, honest soldier.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly restless in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him. Edw. Shephard, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bude's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle of Electric Bitters and one box Bude's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold at J. W. Culbert's Drug Store.

ESTATE NOTICE.

Estate of Ann Kratz, late of Upper Providence township, Montgomery county, deceased. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims against the same, will present them without delay in proper order for settlement to CHAS. H. TYSON, Administrator, or his Attorney, HUBSON & HENDRICKS, Norristown, Pa.

ESTATE NOTICE.

Estate of Magdalena Landis, late of Lower Providence township, Montgomery county, deceased. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims against the same will present them without delay in order for settlement to RUBEN LANDIS, Administrator, or his Attorney, HUBSON & HENDRICKS, Norristown, Pa.

ESTATE NOTICE.

Estate of Jacob G. Klein, deceased. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims against the same will present them without delay in order for settlement to H. W. KRATZ, Administrator, 507 West Main St., Norristown, Pa. Office: No. 8 E. Airy St. March 3, 1893.

NOTICE.

The Board of Directors of the Spring Garden Farmer's Market Co., of Philadelphia, have declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2% per annum, upon the capital stock of the company, payable to the stockholders on or after April 7th, A. D. 1893, at the Company's office, Spring Garden Street, between 10th and 11th Sts. The annual stockholders' meeting of said Company will take place on Wednesday, April 19th, at 9 o'clock, a. m. The election for nine Directors will take place upon the same day, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m. By order of the Board, B. F. WHITBY, Secretary.

FIRE TAX NOTICE.

The members of the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County are hereby notified that a contribution of one dollar on each one thousand dollars for which they are insured, was levied on February 2nd, 1893, to pay recent losses. Payment will be made to the same persons who have heretofore acted as collectors, or the Secretary at his office at Collegeville. Extract from the Charter—"And if any member of the Company shall refuse or neglect to pay his or her assessment for forty days after the publication of the same, twenty per cent of the assessment will be added thereto; and if payment be delayed for fifty days longer, then his or her policy shall become suspended until the full amount shall have been paid." The forty days' time for payment of said tax will date from the date of this notice. A. D. FETTEROLF, Secretary, Collegeville, Pa., Feb. 23, 1893.

PUBLIC SALE OF Personal Property!

Will be sold at public sale, on THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1893, on the premises of Samuel F. Jarrett, near Jeffersonville, west Norristown, Montgomery county, Pa., the following Stock, Crops, &c.: No. 1 and 3 pair bay horses, eight years old, 16 hands high, half brothers, mate well, both broke to work on tread and harness, a first-class worker and driver. No. 4, a bay horse, 15 1/2 high, 9 years old, a fine driver and worker, good stepper. No. 5, a very stylish bay horse, 15 1/2 high, 7 years old, fine driver, as pretty as a picture. These are a very fine lot of horses. 15 head of fine cows, some good milkers and some fat. Two horse-drawn wagons, one heavy and one light; stone or lime body, shifting bottom. Spring tooth horse rake, plow, harrow, forks, rakes, shovels, etc. Harness: 2 sets of stage harness, 2 sets of light harness, 1 set of light single harness, double and single lines, traps, corn, and potatoes by the bushel, hay and straw by the ton, vinegar by the barrel, lot of milk cans, and many other articles too mentioned. 4 months credit on all sums above \$20; \$20, and under, cash. Sale at 1 o'clock. SAMUEL F. JARRETT. A. M. Bergey, auct.

PUBLIC SALE OF Personal Property!

The first Combination Sale at the Ryeersford Bazaar, Central Hotel, Ryeersford, will be held on SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1893, when the following live stock, &c., will be sold at public sale: One lot of horses, 2 sets of stage harness, 2 sets of light harness, 1 set of light single harness, double and single lines, traps, corn, and potatoes by the bushel, hay and straw by the ton, vinegar by the barrel, lot of milk cans, and many other articles too mentioned. 4 months credit on all sums above \$20; \$20, and under, cash. Sale at 1 o'clock. SAMUEL F. JARRETT. A. M. Berge

